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1. IN YOUR REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY MOBUTU, BULA AND
BISENGIMENA YOU SHOULD SAY THAT US FULLY UNDERSTANDS
AND SYMPATHIZES WITH GOZ CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS. WE
APPRECIATE POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE ROLE WHICH GOZ
HAS PLAYED IN ANGOLAN SITUATION.

2. YOU SHOULD REASSURE MOBUTU THAT HE HAS OUR SUPPORT
AND UNDERSTANDING AND YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE HIM TO
PURSUE HIS ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS REGARDING ANGOLA.
WE WILL PROVIDE CONTINUING SUPPORT AND COOPERATION

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IN THIS REGARD.

3. WE ARE EXAMINING SYMPATHETICALLY REQUESTS HE HAS MADE. OBVIOUSLY SOME OF THEM PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER OBSTACLES BUT WE WILL ACTIVELY EXPLORE WAYS TO SURMOUNT THEM. FYI:IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTIVE IN THIS PHASE OF YOUR CONVERSATION. END FYI

4. ON SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH WE CAN RESPOND TO NOW:

-- (A) UN SECURITY COUNCIL:

WE FAVOR IDEA OF SENDING SUCH A LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT SETTING FORTH THE ZAIRIAN COMPLAINT OF VIOLATION OF ITS FRONTIER BY SOVIET/CUBAN-SUPPORTED MPLA FORCES AND WE WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT WITH OTHER SC MEMBERS AS APPROPRIATE. SUCH A LETTER, IF WELL DRAFTED, COULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY TO THE MODERATE CAUSE IN ANGOLA. BEST METHOD WOULD BE MESSAGE FROM MOBUTU OR BULA TO SC PRESIDENT (TANZANIA) AND UNSYG REQUESTING THAT IT BE CIRCULATED AS SC DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, IF IT ASKS FOR UN TEAM TO BE SENT TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION, THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE AS CONSEQUENCE SC DEBATE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND GOZ DOES NOT WISH AT THIS TIME. IF GOZ SENDS LETTER IT SHOULD PERSUADE OTHER MODERATE AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE OR THEIR PERMREPS IN NEW YORK TO CHIME IN WITH SUPPORTING WRITTEN OR ORAL STATEMENTS, FORMER OF WHICH SHOULD ALSO BE CIRCULATED AS SC DOCUMENTS. OTHER POSSIBILITY WHICH WOULD BE MORE TIME-CONSUMING AND MIGHT REQUIRE NEGOTIATION WOULD BE A LETTER TRANSMITTED BY GOZ PERMREP AND SIGNED BY PERMREPS OF OTHER MODERATE AFRICAN STATES. GOZ SHOULD REALIZE THAT LIKELY RESPONSE FROM OTHER IDE WILL CITE ZAIRIAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND AIR ATTACK ON TEXERIA DE SOUSA. IT SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT O;HER TWO AFRICAN SC MEMBERS ARE BENIN AND LIBYA.

-- (B) AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE REMINDED ZAIRIAN CHARGE EARLIER THIS WEEK SC IS SCHEDULED TO SECRET

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BEGIN NAMIBIA DEBATE BEFORE END OF MONTH. ANGOLA WILL INEVITABLY BE RAISED BY PRO-MPLA GROUP AND GOZ AND ITS FRIENDS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE FORCEFULLY IN THAT CASE. WE WOULD PREFER THAT ANGOLA NOT BE RAISED IN NAMIBIA DEBATE BUT DOUBT THAT IT CAN BE AVOIDED. STRONG REASONED RESPONSE FROM ZAIRE AND ITS FRIENDS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN T;IS REGARD.

-- (C) MEETING WITH SECRETARY: WE ARE REEXAMINING
POSSIBILITY OF BULA MEETING WITH SECRETARY.

5. VISIT OF DELEGATION TO US: IF MOBUTU COULD
PERSUADE SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS DELEGATION AS KAUNDA,
SENGHOR AND AHIDJOOR THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER, TO
COME TO THE US WE THINK THIS WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE
IMPACT. SHOULD MOBUTU DECIDE TO MAKE SUCH AN EFFORT
WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE SUCH A DELEGATION AND EXTEND
EVERY COURTESY TO IT.

6. NGUZA VISIT: WE WOULD WELCOME NGUZA VISIT BUT
IF HE IS NOT PART OF BROADER DELEGATION AS IN PARA 5
ABOVE WE THINK IT SHOULD BE LOW KEY DEPENDING ON HOW
ATMOSPHERICS DEVELOP HERE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AS
MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE AND SUGGEST THAT PUBLICITY
IF ANY, BE LIMITED INITIALLY TO STATEMENT THAT HE
COMING TO CONSULT WITH US OFFICIALS.

7. RAPPROACHMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA: ON THIS POINT
WE MUST BE DISCOURAGING. IT IS NEITHER IN HIS INTEREST
NOR IN OURS TO HAVE SUCH AN RAPPROACHMENT WHICH WOULD
RESULT IN GOZ BECOMING OUTCAST. RESULT WOULD BE TO
DESTROY MODERATE AFRICAN GROUPING WHICH HELD
TOGETHER IN ADDIS AND MAY BE FUTURE SOURCE OF GREATER
MODERATION IN AFRICA. HERE IT WOULD AROUSE STRONG
DOMESTIC ANIMOSITY.

8. THIS, COMBINED WITH SMTF PROBLEM DOES NOT PROVIDE
SO MUCH REASSURANCE AND SUPPORT AS MOBUTU SEEKS.
THEREFORE YOU SHOULD REITERATE OUR BASIC SYMPATHY
AND OUR SUPPORT. SISCO

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